

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A stamper comprising a stamper layer on a surface of which a fine concave-convex pattern is formed, and a buffer disposed on a side of said stamper layer on which no concave-convex patterned is formed, wherein said buffer has a first portion overlying a first part of the concave-convex pattern, and a second portion overlying a second part of the concave-convex pattern, wherein the first portion and the second portion have different moduli of elasticity.

2. (currently amended) A stamper comprising a fine concave-convex pattern formed on the surface thereof for forming a fine structure on a substrate using a pressing machine, wherein said stamper is flexible, and wherein a buffer is formed on a back side of said stamper overlying the pattern opposite to the side thereof on which the concave-convex pattern is formed, said buffer extending in a plane and having a ~~longitudinal distribution of~~ different moduli of elasticity at different portions of the plane.

3. (original) The stamper according to claim 2, wherein said buffer is made of different materials with two or more moduli of elasticity.

4. (original) The stamper according to claim 3, wherein the buffer with two or more moduli of elasticity is disposed on the back surface of said stamper by a screen printing method, a stencil printing method, or an inkjet printing method.

5. (original) The stamper according to claim 3, wherein the buffer with two or more moduli of elasticity is formed on the back side of said stamper by irradiation of light.

Claim 6 (canceled)

7. (currently amended) The stamper according to claim 2, wherein a the moduli modulus of elasticity of said buffer are adjusted such that a first portion of said buffer that corresponds to a first part portion of said concave-convex pattern that has more convex portions has a high is higher than a modulus of elasticity of a second portion of said buffer that corresponds to a second part of said concave-convex pattern, and wherein said first portion has more concave-convex portions than said second portion.

8. (original) A transfer apparatus that utilizes the stamper according to claim 1.

9. (original) A stamper comprising a fine concave-convex pattern formed on a surface thereof for forming a fine structure on a substrate using a pressing machine, wherein said stamper is flexible, and wherein a buffer with different thicknesses is formed on a back side of said stamper opposite to the side thereof on which the concave-convex pattern is formed.

10. (original) The stamper according to claim 9, wherein the buffer having a longitudinal distribution of thicknesses is disposed by a screen printing method, a stencil printing method or an inkjet printing method.

Claim 11 (canceled)

12. (currently amended) The stamper according to claim 9, wherein the thickness of a first portion of said buffer that corresponds to a portion of said concave-convex pattern is thinner than adjusted such that a second portion of said buffer that corresponds to a portion of the concave-convex pattern that has more convex portions is thin, and wherein said first portion has more concave-convex portions than said second portion.

13. (original) A transfer apparatus that utilizes a the stamper according to claim 9.

14. (new) The stamper according to claim 2, wherein the buffer comprises a first portion overlying a first part of the concave-convex pattern, and a second portion overlying a second part of the concave-convex pattern, wherein the first portion and the second portion have different moduli of elasticity.